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GENERAL LACK OF CONFIDENCE.

Cross of Wall Street's Weak Attitude-A Scarcity of Corn-General Trade Notes.

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Wall street continues to lack any fixed

sense of confidence for transit opera-

tions, writes a leading financier of that

city. Material conditions, he states, are

as the earnings of the railroads and

the movement in the larger departments

of business, and the exports of gold

merchandise, as but a natural move-

ment of the sole obstacle in the way of

the rising market is the con-

dition of politics. That element of sus-

picion, however, strong enough to ob-

serve operations, might well prove

to be a factor which would

cause resistance and hold

influence realising among small busi-

nesses, generally held

and such an issue as

would affect the country from east

and west, and without any

real cause, may

raise Wall street at the point of

the greatest sensitiveness of the

agitation centers.

CORN AND OATS.

Local dealers report a scarcity of corn

in advance in Mexico. Orders given

yesterday could not be placed,

it is thought that the market will be

supplied in two or three days at the

named rates. The stock of the old

in the State is quite sufficient to

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convey grain to transacting points.

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